

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

1-11. (Cancelled)

12. (Original) A method for producing a low permeable hose having at least a refrigerant barrier layer and a rubber layer, comprising superimposing the refrigerant barrier layer and the rubber layer,

wherein the refrigerant barrier layer is a laminate film having a structure such that resin layers sandwich a metal layer therebetween and having an elongation at breakage of 10% or more, and

wherein the method comprises the steps of:

laminating the resin layers in said refrigerant barrier layer and said rubber layer; and

heating said refrigerant barrier layer and said rubber layer to a temperature no lower than a melting point of a resin that constitutes the resin layers to melt the resin and vulcanizing said rubber layer, thereby splicing said refrigerant barrier layer and said rubber layer.

13. (Original) A method for producing a low permeable hose according to claim 12, wherein the resin layers in said refrigerant barrier layer have a polyolefin layer composed of a polyolefin resin composition.

14. (Original) A method for producing a lower permeable hose according to claim 12, wherein said refrigerant barrier layer and said rubber layer are spliced by heating them at 120°C or more.

15. (Original) A method for producing a lower permeable hose according to claim 12, wherein in said refrigerant barrier layer, at least one splicing surface between said metal layer and said resin layers is coated with an aromatic polyester based adhesive before said lamination.

16. (Original) A method for producing a lower permeable hose having at least a refrigerant barrier layer and a rubber layer, comprising superimposing the refrigerant barrier layer and the rubber layer,

wherein the refrigerant barrier layer is a laminate film having a structure such that resin layers sandwich a metal layer therebetween and having an elongation at breakage of 10% or more,

wherein said refrigerant barrier layer is a laminate film whose resin layer that constitutes a surface thereof has an adhesive layer composed of a phenol resin based composition, and

wherein the method comprises the step of laminating said adhesive layer and said rubber layer, thereby splicing said refrigerant barrier layer and said rubber layer.

17. (Original) A method for producing a low permeable hose according to claim 16, wherein in said refrigerant barrier layer, at least one splicing surface between said metal layer and said resin layers is coated with an aromatic polyester based adhesive before said lamination.